(103)

Charleston

(1918)

July 3

My Billy.
I have written to tell Nelly that Nurse started her holiday today & I had dread of a daily woman. I think in every way its probably better now not to leave Nelly here — & we can manage all right with Emily & Mrs Hoadley. I won't write any more about servants — in feeling as if I'd rather do all myself than have those. Lots. Their conversation is more exhausting than that of all the intellectuals in London & I shall never know what happened in this affair.

but I'm resigned to ignorance
I suppose really I should not
have sent Trixie to you &
should have come myself
I would have done so if it
had not been for the baby but
as it was I was feeling
so sick I could not face it
& weakly gave in when
T. offered to go.

As for Sophy I think its
very rash of Adrian to
take her on his shoulders
again - but perhaps they
mean to settle down to
a respectable family
life for ever - they'll certainly
have to with her & I should
find it impossible. Besides
she would ruin me in
no time.

It's a relief to turn to you

story. I laugh some of the conversation - she says I says. sugar - I know too well! But its fascinating & a great success I think! so does Duncan I suppose no one else is to see it yet. I wonder if I could do a drawing for it. It would be fun to try. but you must tell me the size. It might not have very much to do with the text but that wouldn't matter. But I might feel inclined to do the two people watching the sugar conversation. Do you remember a picture I noticed at the Omega of 3 women talking with a

flowers to see me if the
window is kind? It might
almost but not quite
do as an illustration.
Now do send me your
new theories of aesthetics
& feelings on looking at
one of my works. I'm
longing to hear them & it
will be too tantalizing if you
don't. Your description
of the New English fascinates
me & Duncan. Was it
a new or an old drawing by
John? Ought one to try &
see the Salons? But no
I know exactly what it
must be like from what
you say. Roger told us
about it too & his account
agreed with yours I think.
I shall want also to
hear about the Lord Mayor's

In your new graves I
daresay you eclipsed the
key bird. I'm glad you
think her good. She
work wonders & I
think as Lees very cheap
& with potatoes set
attached to your interested
in making your dresses
well.

Your account of Walls
made me feel she
really ought to take
to him again. He sounds
so broad minded, perhaps
he'd even swallow this
household. Old Lisa
by the way is trying to
upend the dinners at
Ditchling & hopes to see
me very often. Luckily
she can't walk a mile

or bicycle I shall say
I'm going to have a baby
& can't either & that
there's no kind of vehicle
to be had & that we're
miles from a station &
so shall hope to have
it more than ever.
Even that fills me
with despair to think of
She is a depressing figure
she says since her nervous
breakdown 8 years ago
she hasn't been able to
see to draw & has done
her best to fill Esther's
place & look after her
3 children. I send you
[redacted] in return for
Gerald's which was almost

too painful - The Duckworths must have spent many years of their lives going through tin boxes & attending funerals. How they love it.

Please tell Lenard I'm very sorry if I suspected him unjustly in any way - not that I did suspect him of saving much! But there - both our swan songs are over now

Love VB

(104) Charleston (1918)

July 9

My Baby.

I send you this rough sketch which is I'm afraid much too big. Would it be possible to print some thing as large as this? It would go into your page I think but its much bigger than Carrington's. Tell me if you think its impossible for that or other reasons. Its meant for the two Sapphos females but I've made the old one too thin & the other too young. But I daresay that could be altered a

little when I draw it again. However I daresay you think it won't do at all.

Please send your theories on aesthetics soon.

I owe you for copyright, I believe also something for white paint. How much did you get? It costs 3/2 a lb. But I forget how many pounds you got. If you tell me I'll pay you. We certainly don't seem to have made much on MSS this time. I expect you're right about future sales. Did I order a copy of K. His story? If

not can I do so & pay
when I pay for the paintings
I hear Mary went to
bed at Gordon Sq. with
Spanish flu. I think on her
return from you but I'm
not sure. Duncan has
also been in bed with some
thing of the kind. but it
seems to last only a
short time. & he has got
up at work for several
days so is well again.
I must tell you I'm
now installing a locked
drawer into which I'm going
to pop all letters at once
so that you can feel
safe from prying eyes
I see it's the only thing to
do in a house like this

I hardly feel sick at all now - I'm hopelessly lazy & eat a great deal - I'm sure famine makes me eat more than one ever did before. at least when combined with baby. The other baby has scored! I'm thankful to say in spite of M's prophecies of certain & nearly approaching convulsions & death, I is a very attractive one, but of course as nice as mine will be. but still very attractive.

Do send all scrip & aesthetics - Did I tell you Snow wants to come here in August or September!

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Charleston

My Billy

I thought we were going to hear if you could or not & I do don't know what to arrange. If you will come to luncheon one day I shall see you - so please do. Also we should be delighted if any or all of you would come to lunch on Sunday. Otherwise I should see Ka - nor would Maynard who is here & who is anxious for a pleasant conversation with her on the subject of the Life of Rupert.

Please send a card about Monday.

Hope you'll come. Will tell Dickens for you if you will. Are Ka Arnold-Forster engaged then? You don't say so but I suppose they must be.

You have fallen a victim to the Stephens. Shall I ask. Them here for a week end in the middle of their fortnight?

I must confess that I could not stand those old crosses being unearthed & displayed so I brought them here & you will have to come & get them if you want them.

Trix & you two seem quite friendly. Yours VB

(106)

2 Sept

1918

Charleston

Monday

My Billy:

As you will have heard from Nelly I had a long talk with her yesterday. She seemed to think it quite possible Liz would come to me & in spite of drawbacks of children I feel inclined to take her for the sake of having someone I really like & trust in the house. Nelly was very nice & we discussed all my domestic difficulties & she quite saw that [illegible] must be a

to guess that there is even a possibility Liz might come. I think, & so does Nelly it seems, that J. now really wants to stay on. & if she knew about Liz / in fact she'd want to stay. & in that case she'd do her best to make Emily go (she has already made E. give me warning during the last few days but she was easily persuaded to withdraw it for she's really anxious to stay) Therefore, can I meet Liz (if she is at a loose end) to-day?

somewhere on the way?
I thought if we could have a pic. nic & then the others could come & see T. They & I could both start a little early & meet at the pic. nic place without arousing suspicion. Or if they simply came here & I knew of it beforehand I could meet them on the way if I knew where to. Any day & time would suit me so perhaps you'd let me know.
The only thing is I must get it settled as soon as I can I [illegible]

Once I know, I can get a temporary cook to come when T. leaves. I suppose neither of your females could come? X But that's comparatively easy. Only I want if possible to avoid asking T. to stay beyond her time. However Liz will have to consider matters & talk to Nelly so I suppose I shant see her before the end of the week.

The children have gone off with Mrs B. today. Adrian & Karin went last night. I thought she'd die or produce when she first arrived but she's really capable of any exertion I believe when shall I see you? Yours V.B.

X I mean Mrs Hammond of whom we spoke of.

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Sat.

My Baby

Evelyn Sinclair has written to her to say that she can come for a month but will then require 25 per month. I shall take her. She's very young so no doubt I can teach her all we want. I feel it will be the best arrangement. Meanwhile will you please settle with her & send her to me. If she can

come on the 16th for
3 weeks so much
the better - if not
we can get on for
a week with no
one but Emily
Anyhow I hope she'll
come on the 16th -
As for Liz I expect
I had better leave it
for the present. If
I can get a nurse
without brats of her
own so much the
better. if not I
might later suggest to
Liz that she should

come but I feel that
can be left till
nearer the time.
If Mrs H. wants to
see me I can see
her at any time she
likes. But as for
wages I think 12/6
a week ought to be
enough - however I'd
go to 15/- if necessary.
Possibly you could tell
her this & also say
I'd only want very
simple cooking. For
the first week the house
would be full but after
that I feel probably
only be the children

L Mrs B. — anyhow we shouldn't be a large party. I hope soon to have no more domesticities to worry you with. Can you explain to Liz that we had to take E.'s sister. I do needn't see her at present. In this weather I suppose they won't have gone out today.

Perhaps you will come over again one day soon & stay the night & a picnic might be possible. Yours V.

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